

IRP REGISTRATION

WHAT IS “IRP”?

The International Registration Plan (IRP) is a commercial vehicle registration agreement that was entered into among the states of the United States (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) and various provinces of Canada. This agreement allows the base jurisdiction to process commercial vehicle registrations and collect fees for other member jurisdictions. Total fees are based on the percentage of miles that are traveled or expected to be traveled by a registrant's fleet in each member jurisdiction. Only one license plate and one cab card are issued for each vehicle. All jurisdictions for which a vehicle is apportionally registered are listed on the vehicle's cab card. A complete listing of IRP member jurisdictions may be found on the IRP website at www.irponline.org.

All license fees that are collected by the base jurisdiction are divided among the other IRP jurisdictions according to:

1. Percentage of distance traveled in each jurisdiction;
2. Vehicle information, such as model year, purchase price, vehicle type; and
3. Maximum weight.

The IRP is specific in requiring all member jurisdictions to comply with the following three basic principles:

1. A single registration plate;
2. A single registration card (cab card); and
3. Allowing registrants to perform both interstate and intrastate vehicle movements.

IRP REGISTRATION DOES NOT:

- Waive or exempt a truck operator from obtaining operating authority from any jurisdiction in which the IRP vehicle travels; or
- Waive or exempt the payment of motor fuel taxes in any jurisdiction; or
- Permit exceeding the maximum length, width, height, or axle limitations; or
- Permit the violation of any bridge law.

HOW IRP WORKS

Under the IRP, a registrant is required to file a license application with the base jurisdiction. The base jurisdiction, in turn, issues one cab card and one license plate for each vehicle. The single IRP plate and cab card are the only registration credentials required to operate interstate and intrastate in member jurisdictions. The cab card lists the weights for each jurisdiction to which the operator's registration fees have been apportioned.